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Subject: Des-Bee-Dove Mine Phase III Bond Release for 2.52 acres

Dear Mrs. Grubaugh-Littig:

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been asked to respond if our agency has any objections or concerns to Phase III bond release (reclamation bond) of 2.52 acres for the Deseret-Beehive and Dove Mines. This area is located in T17S R7E Section 25 and was the location for Des-Bee-Dove's pump-house.

We have participated in the September 28, 2006 onsite inspection as well as the Phase I Bond inspection on June 29, 2006. This area geographically is known as "Danish Bench." The Manti-La Sal National Forest is the surface owner with the BLM as the subsurface (minerals) owner.

We have reviewed our files in regards to our response. The federal coal leases were issued for the Blind Canyon and Hiawatha Seams in the Blackhawk Formation. Mining occurred in a north-westerly trend. The Hiawatha Seam is exposed at the Deseret Mine, and the Beehive/Little Dove breakouts are located 140 feet above in the Blind Canyon seam. The area in review for reclamation is located below the coal-bearing Black Hawk Formation, in the Mancos Shale.

We have attached photographs of the area for Phase III bond release taken during the onsite.

The Oil and Gas rights have been leased. This area was analyzed in the Ferron Natural Gas Environmental Impact Statement for its potential for natural gas development. A lessee has expressed interest in developing a new well in the area for Phase III Bond Release.

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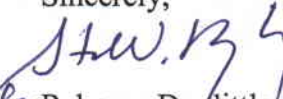
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The proposed surface disturbance is below the Starpoint Sandstone and the proposed drilling will be into the Ferron Sandstone Member of the Mancos Shale. Therefore, the well would not impact the coal seams in the Blackhawk Formation.

We have no objections to Phase III bond release.

If you have and questions or comments, please contact Angela Wadman of my staff at 435-636-3661.

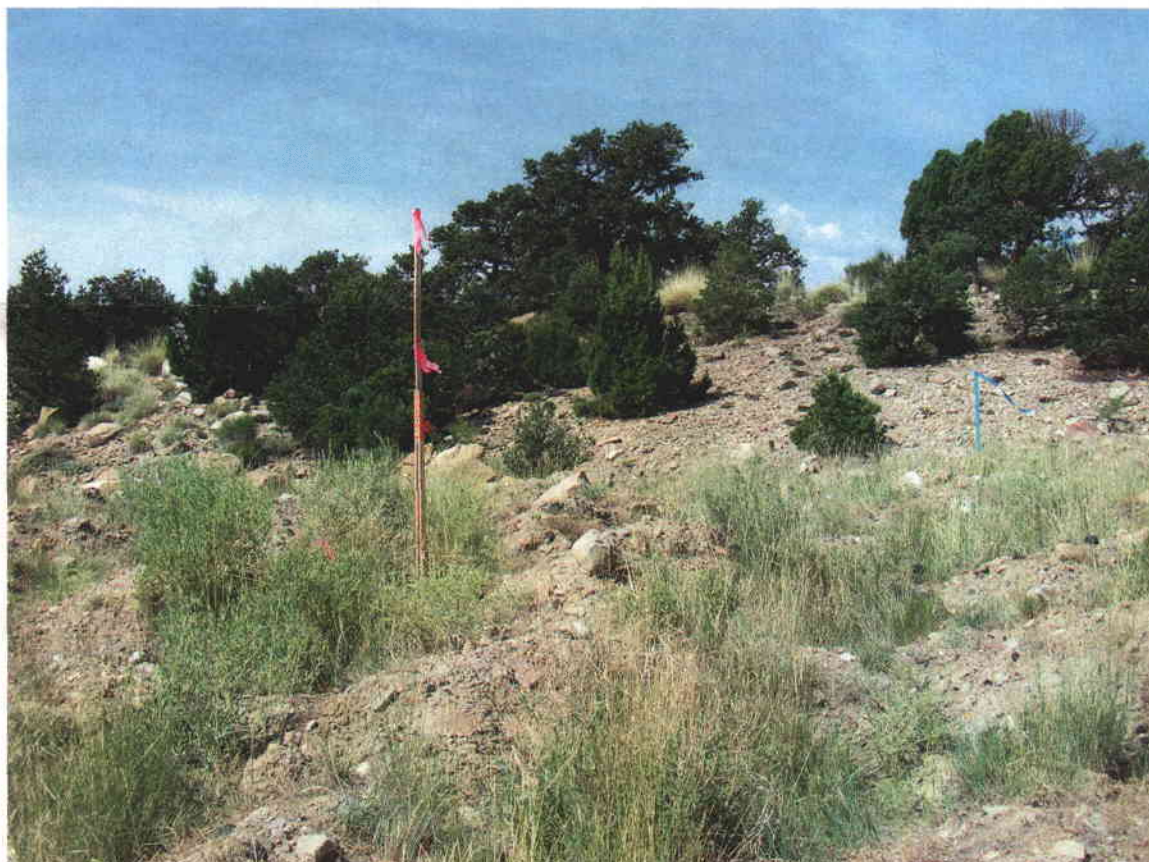
Sincerely,

Acting for 

Rebecca Doolittle
Acting Assistant Field Manager

cc: UT-923, SD, Utah

Des-Bee-Dove Phase III Bond Release



The proposed well site located ½ mile from the road.



The above picture is of the general area for Phase III Bond Release. The picture taken below is of the south side of the trail and the southern extent for bond release.

